

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY ROME

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3413

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PASS COMMERCE BIC/OED AND USIA

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: BEXP, ETEL, IT

SUBJECT: VISIT OF ITALIAN MINISTER OF POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

VITTORINO COLOMBO

REF (A) ROME 2983 (B) CORLISS (USDOC)/LAWRENCE TELCON

1. SINCE EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS (REF B) THAT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE UNABLE INVITE MINISTER COLOMBO, AND SINCE ASSISTANT SECRETARY NOT YET CONFIRMED, STRONGLY URGE INVITATION BE ISSUED ON BEHALF US GOVERNMENT. WE HOPE WE CAN PERSUADE MINISTER TO ACCEPT, SINCE WE UNDERSTAND IMPORTANCE TO HIM IS THAT INVITATION COME FROM USG AND NOT FROM A PRIVATE BUSINESS FIRM.

2. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE OTHER OBLIGATIONS/PRIORITIES OF SECRETARY OF COMMERCE PRECLUDE HER RECEIVING COLOMBO AS HER INVITEE (WHICH WOULD REQUIRE OFFICIAL DISCUSSIONS AND SOME SOCIAL EVENT OR EVENTS) WE URGE THAT SECRETARY AGREE TO COURTESY CALL BY COLOMBO. EMBASSY CONSIDERS IT ESSENTIAL THAT WE BE ABLE TO TELL MINISTER BY WHOM HE WILL BE RECEIVED AT COMMERCE.

3. APART FROM MAIN PURPOSE OF COLOMBO VISIT, EMBASSY BELIEVES TWO

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FURTHER FACTORS JUSTIFY HIGH-LEVEL ATTENTION AT STATE DEPARTMENT:

(A) COLOMBO AND HIS MINISTRY WILL BE ENGAGED IN DRAFTING LEGISLATION ON PRIVATE RADIO AND TVS STATIONS, WHICH MAY DIRECTLY AFFECT U.S. MILITARY AND INDIRECTLY AFFECT POSSIBLE U.S. FILMS AND OTHER PROGRAMMING, AND (B) POLITICAL IMPORTANCE AS ONE OF LEADERS AMONG CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS OF NORTHERN ITALY. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS CALLS AT ASSISTANT SECRETARY OR DEPUTY ASSISTANT

SECRETARY LEVEL IN EB AND EUR..

4. APRIL 12 TIMING APPARENTLY SATISFACTORY, BUT NEED INVITATION  
AND TENTATIVE AGENDA SOONEST.BEAUDRY

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